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Applicant: RAMESH et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR, Section 1.136(a) within which to respond to the final Office Action dated 9 October 2003, that is, to and including 9 February 2004. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the appropriate extension fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1765. Moreover, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1765. This document is filed in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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